

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1407

ANSWERED ON:31.07.2001

KILLING OF BSF JAWANS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken exception to the silence of Home Minister of Bangladesh on the recent killing of BSF Jawans by Bangladesh Rifles;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have conveyed its displeasure to the Bangladesh on this issue;
- (c) if so, the reaction of Bangladesh thereto and the extent to which the misunderstanding has been cleared;
- (d) whether any agreement in wake of border clashes between the two Governments has been finally reached; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(c): The views and sentiments of the Government of India on the recent killing of BSF Jawans by Bangladesh Rifles have been appropriately conveyed to the Govt. of Bangladesh. That Government has informed that a full investigation would be carried out into the incident keeping in view all its aspects.

(d)&(e): Two Indo-Bangladesh Joint Boundary Working Groups (JBWGs) have been constituted on June 13, 2001. The first JBWG will deal with the demarcation of undemarcated length of the India - Bangladesh Land Boundary measuring around 6.5 kms. The second JBWG will deal with the exchange of enclaves and adversely possessed territories. The first meeting of the JBWGs has taken place on July 2- 4, 2001 at Dhaka, Bangladesh.